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Happy Fourth of July!

American women played many important roles during the Revolutionary War. Many tended the family farms and businesses while the men fought in the war. Others went to battle side by side with the men, nursing the sick and burying the dead. In 1776, [Abigail Adams](#) sounded the first call for women's equality when she wrote a letter to her husband, John, who was a member of the Continental Congress that declared independence from Britain. She wrote:

"In the new Code of Laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make I desire you would Remember the Ladies, and be more generous and favourable to them than your ancestors."

And, we all remember [Betsy Ross](#) who is credited with sewing the first American flag for General Washington. Of the many women who participated in the Revolutionary War of 1776 in various ways, here are a few:

- [Deborah Sampson](#) who enlisted 20 May 1782, when she was twenty-one as Robert Shurtleff, under the name of her deceased brother, Robert Shurtleff Sampson, who had died at the age of eight years. She fought in the American Revolution for seventeen months during the period between the British surrender at Yorktown and the signing of the final treaty.
- [Sybil Ludington](#) who was 16 years old, volunteered to warn the countryside of the attack and to alert the militia troops. She traveled some 40 miles through the towns of Carmel, Mahopac, and Stormville, in the middle of the night, in a rainstorm, on muddy roads, shouting that the British were burning Danbury. [Click here to read a poem about Sybil's midnight ride.](#)
- [Mary Ludwig Hays McCauley](#), believed to be "Molly Pitcher", was with her husband, William Hays, during the battle of Monmouth on June 28, 1778. "Molly Pitcher" brought cool spring water to men and tended to the wounded. Her husband was wounded and without hesitation, Molly stepped forward, took up her husband's weapon and fought. She stayed at her post in the face of heavy enemy fire.

These are only a few of the many women who helped to found the United States of America. For more information on these and other women, check out the following resources:

- America.gov/Women of Influence: <http://www.america.gov/publications/books/women-of-influence.html>
- History of Women in The Army: <http://www.army.mil/women/history.html>
- Wikipedia.org: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Women_in_the_American_Revolution

Advancing Women in Business Series Registration Now Open

Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, and the Indiana Small Business Development Center Network will host the fourth annual *Advancing Hoosier Women in Business* seminar series this month. These one-day events are focused on entrepreneurship and will feature successful women business owners from the local community. Resource panels and networking opportunities will educate you on growing or starting your own business. Series locations include:

- Terre Haute- July 8
- New Albany- July 9
- South Bend- July 15
- Richmond- July 23

For information about registrations will be posted at: <http://www.in.gov/ocra/2341.htm>.

IDOA MWBE Division Presents the 2010 MWBE Resource Fair and Workshop Series

This event will be held on Wednesday, July 14, 2010, from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the Indiana Government Center South Conference Center, 402 W. Washington St. Indianapolis, IN. This matchmaking event is an opportunity for business owners to speak directly with over 50 buyers from the public and private sector and gather essential resources to position you to win your next contracting opportunity! To register go to: <http://www.in.gov/confreg/>.

About the Indiana Commission for Women

The Indiana Commission for Women is committed to the full participation of women in all aspects of society in order to make Indiana a better place to live, work and raise a family. Our mission is to understand the needs of Indiana women and their families, and to work strategically both within government and in our communities to help bring about positive change. We work to remove the barriers that hinder women's participation by:

- Increasing awareness of the state of women in Indiana and the issues they face
- Recognizing and promoting contributions that Hoosier women make to their community, state and nation
- Providing balanced analysis of public policy issues that impact women in Indiana.

ICW exists to voice the needs, concerns and viewpoints of women in Indiana so that they can become better educated, better connected to their communities, more aware of resources and opportunities and more engaged as leaders in resolving the challenges that women face.

We hope that you will continue to visit our website (www.in.gov/icw) to learn about other upcoming events and resources. And, we encourage you to connect us to other activities and resources throughout the state by sending an email with details to icw@dwd.in.gov.

Together we can ***move Indiana women forward!***

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